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In re National Phase PCT Application of

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For: Method For Producing A Cyanide-Free Solution
Of A Gold Compound That Is Suitable For
Galvanic Gold Baths

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the issuance of a first Office Action and simultaneously with the filing of the present application, please amend said application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, after line 2 insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

after line 20 insert --SUMMARY AND DESCRIPTION OF THE

INVENTION--;